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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): K. ONO, et al  
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Group: 2871  
Examiner: T. Duong

**RESPONSE**

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December 17, 2003

Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application in response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2003.

The requirement for election of one of the alleged following patentably distinct species identified by the Examiner as:

- I. Claims 4, 5, 10-12, 16 and 17 drawn to a liquid crystal display (LCD) device according to Figs. 1-3 and 24;
- II. Claims 6-9, drawn to a LCD device according to Fig. 16;
- III. Claims 13-15 drawn to a LCD device according to Fig. 8;
- IV. Claims 18-20 drawn to a LCD device according to Fig. 22;
- V. Claims 21-27 and 33-35 drawn to a LCD device according to Fig. 38;
- VI. Claims 36-42 drawn to a LCD device according to Fig. 41;
- VII. Claims 31 and 50-54 drawn to a LCD device according to Fig. 50;

VIII. Claims 28-30, 43-49 and 55 drawn to a LCD device according to Figs. 43-46 and 48; or

IX. Claim 32 drawn to a LCD device according to Fig. 36;  
is traversed in that as recognized by the Examiner, currently, claims 1-3 are generic. Applicants submit that since generic claims are present in this application and such claims have not been rejected, such claims are considered to allowable and therefore applicant is entitled to consideration of more than one species herein.

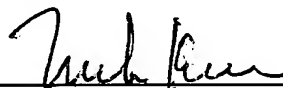
In order to provide a complete response to the election requirement, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, species VII including in addition claims 31 and 50-54 drawn to a LCD device according to Fig. 50, generic claims 1-3.

In view of the remarks, applicants submit that the election requirement should be withdrawn and request favorable action with respect to all claims present in this application.

Applicants note that submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement, and applicants request consideration of the documents submitted.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (501.41304X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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